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REQUEST FOR CORRECTED APPLICATION PUBLICATION  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.221(b)

Sir:

Errors appear in the claims of the published application with respect to the above identified application for patent. It is respectfully requested that the application be republished in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.221.(b) in that the error in the claims is considered a material mistake which should be apparent from a review of the claims of the application as filed with a review of the claims of the application as published.

This response is being filed within two months of the publication date which was November 21, 2002.

More specifically, errors appear in the claims as follows:

Claim 8, line 4: " $i+2 \leq b$ " should be  $--i+2 < b--$ .

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Claim 9, line 4: " $a < i+1$  and  $i+2 \leq b$ " should be  $--a < i+1$  and  $i+2 \leq b--$ .

Claim 20, line 2: " $C_{i,i+1}$ " should be  $--C_{i,i+1}--$ .

Claim 28, line 4: delete the word "Had" after the words "such that".

Submitted with this response is a copy of the application as originally filed and a copy of publication No. US2002/0172289A1 wherein the errors appearing in the claims have been highlighted to facilitate a review.

Should the reviewing official require any further information with respect to this matter, it would be appreciated if they would contact the undersigned attorney-of-record at the telephone number shown below.

It is submitted that the mistake occurred on the part of the office and is material in that it is a mistake in the claim language which could lead to adverse effects of the applicant's rights with respect to future enforcement of the claims.

Although no fees are believed due, if fees are required, they may be charged to Deposit Account 04-1577.

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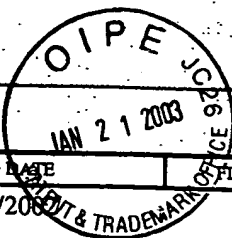
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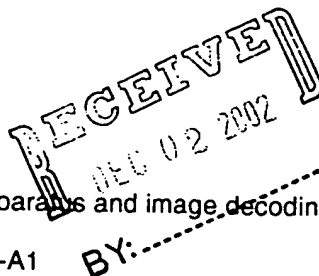


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Sir/Madam:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

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For: IMAGE CODING METHOD AND APPARATUS AND IMAGE DECODING METHOD AND APPARATUS



Enclosed are:

- ☒ 28 sheet(s) of drawing(s).
- ☐ An assignment of the inventor(s) to \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☒ Certified copy of the Japanese application, with application number 2001-064810, dated March 8, 2001.
- ☒ Declaration and power of attorney. (not executed)
- ☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
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